

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 22, with the following:

Useful urease sequences may be identified in public databases, e.g., Entrez (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Entrez/). Additionally, primers that are useful for amplifying ureases from a wide variety of organisms may be utilized by employing the CODEHOP (COnsensus-DEgenerate Hybrid Oligonucleotide Primer) as described in Rose, *et al.* (1998) *Nucl. Acids Res.* 26:1628.